

House File 2302 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to enforcement of requirements for illumination
2 of motor vehicle registration plates.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 6008HH 82
5 dea/nh/8

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1 1 Section 1. Section 321.388, Code 2007, is amended to read
1 2 as follows:
1 3 321.388 ILLUMINATING PLATES.
1 4 Either the rear lamp or a separate lamp shall be so
1 5 constructed and placed as to illuminate with a white light the
1 6 rear registration plate and render it clearly legible from a
1 7 distance of fifty feet to the rear. When the rear
1 8 registration plate is illuminated by an electric lamp other
1 9 than the required rear lamp, the two lamps shall be turned on
1 10 or off only by the same control switch at all times when head
1 11 lamps are lighted. Notwithstanding any other provision of
1 12 law, a peace officer shall not stop a motor vehicle operator
1 13 based solely on an alleged violation of this section.

1 14 EXPLANATION

1 15 This bill prohibits a peace officer from stopping a motor
1 16 vehicle operator for not having a properly illuminated rear
1 17 license plate unless the operator is being stopped for another
1 18 type of violation as well. Current law requires that the rear
1 19 registration plate must be illuminated by a white light that
1 20 renders it clearly legible from a distance of 50 feet. The
1 21 penalty for a violation of the lighting requirements is a
1 22 scheduled fine of \$10.
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